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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2001 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2001 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-
	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2000	Nov. 2001	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2000	Nov. 2001	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
All items	176.7	1.6	-0.4	-0.2	172.9	1.3	-0.5	-0.2
All items (1967=100)	529.2	-	-	-	515.0	-	-	-
Food and beverages	175.2	2.8	.0	-.1	174.6	2.6	.1	-.1
Food	174.7	2.8	.1	-.1	174.1	2.8	.0	-.1
Food at home	174.7	2.6	.0	-.2	173.7	2.7	.0	-.2
Cereals and bakery products	195.3	2.4	.2	-.1	195.1	2.5	.2	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	162.0	3.4	-.4	-.2	161.8	3.5	-.5	-.2
Dairy and related products [1]	170.8	5.8	-.2	-.2	170.6	5.6	-.4	-.4
Fruits and vegetables	214.4	-.3	.7	-1.2	212.8	-.2	.6	-1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	138.5	1.3	-.7	.1	137.7	1.4	-.7	.1
Other food at home	160.9	2.8	.4	.5	160.5	3.0	.5	.6
Sugar and sweets	156.1	1.7	.8	.4	155.9	1.7	.8	.6
Fats and oils	156.9	4.5	.6	1.1	156.6	4.4	.9	1.2
Other foods	177.9	3.0	.2	.3	178.3	3.1	.3	.4
Other miscellaneous foods [1] [2]	138.5	-.4	-1.9	-1.9	139.0	.4	-1.6	-1.6
Food away from home [1]	176.0	3.0	.1	.1	176.0	3.0	.1	.1
Other food away from home [1] [2]	115.5	4.0	.1	.1	115.8	3.9	.0	.0
Alcoholic beverages	180.9	2.5	.2	-.2	180.5	2.7	-.2	-.2
Housing	176.9	2.9	.0	.2	172.9	2.9	.1	.2
Shelter	183.2	4.2	.1	.4	197.7	4.3	.3	.4
Rent of primary residence [3]	195.4	4.7	.5	.4	195.7	4.7	.4	.4
Lodging away from home [2] [3]	196.6	-.2	-2.7	-.2	108.8	.1	-2.7	.3	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence [3] [4]	178.9	4.5	.4	.4	191.7	4.5	.4	.4
Tenants' and household insurance [1] [2]	106.1	1.5	-.1	-.6	104.3	1.3	-.7	-.7
Fuels and utilities	142.2	-3.1	.9	-1.9	141.5	-3.1	.9	-1.9
Fuels	134.2	-3.4	-1.3	-1.3	125.2	-3.2	-1.2	-1.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	112.7	-22.2	4.7	-6.3	112.7	-21.8	4.9	-6.4
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	133.5	-1.5	.9	-.8	132.5	-1.7	.9	-.9
Household furnishings and operations	128.9	.2	-.2	.0	125.4	-.2	-.2	-.1
Apparel	121.7	-1.2	-3.4	-.6	123.0	-2.8	-3.3	-.6
Men's and boys' apparel	122.8	-4.1	-3.6	-1.6	122.7	-4.1	-3.6	-1.5
Women's and girls' apparel	114.8	-4.1	-3.9	-.1	113.5	-3.4	-3.8	.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel [1]	126.5	.2	-2.9	-2.9	130.3	.2	-5.0	-3.0
Footwear	133.6	-2.6	-2.5	.0	121.0	-2.4	-2.6	-.9
Transportation	170.0	-3.8	-1.0	-.8	167.4	-4.2	-1.2	-.8
Private transportation	170.3	-4.0	-1.0	-.9	164.5	-4.4	-1.3	-.9
New and used motor vehicles [3]	107.4	-.5	.4	.2	102.0	.8	.3	.2
New vehicles	134.5	-.1	.6	.2	144.7	.1	.6	.2
Used cars and trucks	107.2	-1.9	-.1	.2	158.1	-2.2	-.1	.2
Motor fuel	131.1	-24.7	-9.0	-6.0	96.3	-24.6	-7.8	-5.6
Gasoline (all types)	128.4	-24.9	-9.1	-6.0	95.7	-24.6	-7.8	-5.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	129.6		.6	.0	104.5	2.5	-.1	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	197.6		.6	.1	127.9	3.5	.1	.2
Public transportation	197.5	-2.1	-.6	.5	208.1	-1.8	-.1	.4
Medical care	277.3	4.7	.3	.1	276.2	4.7	.3	.1
Medical care commodities	261.5	4.1	.4	.2	266.7	4.3	.4	.3
Medical care services	280.5	4.8	.2	.1	283.0	4.8	.1	.1
Professional services [3]	246.9	3.6	.0	.2	251.0	3.6	.0	.2
Hospital and related services [3]	348.3	7.1	.3	.5	343.6	7.1	.3	.3
Recreation [2]	105.3	1.5	-.3	-.1	103.8	1.3	-.2	-.1
Video and audio [2]	101.2	.5	-.3	.0	100.5	.2	-.2	.0
Education and communication [2]	106.9	3.2	-.1	.1	106.9	3.1	.0	.2
Education [2]	122.0	5.6	.0	.2	122.1	5.6	-.3	.1
Educational books and supplies	294.7	3.3	-3.3	-3.1	297.3	2.8	-3.8	-3.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	352.2	5.9	.1	.5	345.2	5.7	.1	.5
Communication [1] [2]	93.4	.4	.1	.1	94.6	.5	.1	.1
Information and information processing [1] [2]	92.3	.1	.1	.1	93.9	.3	.1	.1
Telephone services [1] [2]	99.7	1.3	.1	.3	99.9	1.3	.2	.2
Information and information processing other than telephone services [1] [5]	19.8	-16.8	-1.0	-1.0	20.6	-16.3	-1.0	-1.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment [1] [2]	27.3	-30.7	-1.9	-1.9	25.0	-30.4	-2.0	-2.0
Other goods and services	291.4	4.5	1.0	-1.0	293.3	5.1	-1.3	-1.3
Tobacco and smoking products [1]	437.7	5.4	-1.4	-3.4	432.9	9.1	-3.4	-3.4
Personal care [1]	172.6	2.9	.0	.0	172.3	2.7	.0	.0
Personal care products [1]	139.4	-.1	.0	.0	156.0	.1	-.1	-.1
Personal care services [1]	177.6	3.0	.3	-.2	167.1	3.0	-.2	-.2
Miscellaneous personal goods [1]	273.7	5.0	.2	.3	268.0	5.0	.2	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	161.9	-1.4	-1.1	-.7	148.4	-1.5	-1.1	-.7
Food and beverages	175.2	2.8	.0	-.1	174.6	2.8	.1	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages	157.3	-4.0	-2.1	-1.1	133.4	-4.1	-2.8	-1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	168.4	-4.0	-1.1	-1.7	139.4	-4.2	-3.3	-1.9
Apparel	123.7	-3.2	-3.4	-.6	123.0	-2.8	-3.3	-.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	191.6	-7.1	-2.0	-3.2	153.1	-7.5	-3.2	-2.6
Durables	148.5	-1.3	.1	.1	124.9	-1.3	.1	.0
Services	205.3	3.7	.2	.2	201.7	3.7	.1	.2
Rent of shelter [4]	211.7	4.0	.2	.3	190.4	4.3	.3	.4
Transportation services	204.5	3.7	.1	.3	202.6	3.8	.1	.3
Other services	341.9	3.8	.0	.2	237.3	3.7	.0	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	177.0	1.3	-.4	-.2	172.5	.9	-.5	-.2
All items less shelter	168.2	.4	-.6	-.4	165.7	.1	-.7	-.4
All items less medical care	171.1	1.4	-.4	-.2	168.3	1.1	-.5	-.2
Commodities less food	134.1	-3.7	-1.7	-1.1	135.1	-3.9	-1.8	-1.2
Nondurables less food	140.9	-5.4	-2.9	-1.7	141.8	-5.7	-3.1	-1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	153.4	-6.2	-2.7	-2.1	154.7	-6.7	-3.0	-2.2
Nondurables	154.8	-1.4	-1.4	-.1	157.1	-1.5	-1.5	-1.0
Services less rent of shelter [4]	213.2	3.0	.0	.0	189.2	3.0	-.1	.1
Services less medical care services	198.3	3.6	.1	.3	195.0	3.6	.1	.3
Energy	111.4	-13.0	-4.0	-3.2	110.0	-13.8	-4.2	-3.1
All items less energy	185.2	2.8	-.1	.1	181.5	2.7	-.2	.1
All items less food and energy	187.8	2.7	-.1	.1	183.5	2.7	-.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	144.7	-.3	-.9	.3	145.6	-.1	-.5	-.4
Energy commodities	97.6	-24.5	-7.9	-6.1	97.5	-24.4	-7.6	-5.7
Services less energy services	212.6	4.0	.1	.3	209.4	4.1	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=$1.00)	$ .566	-	-	-	$ .579	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=$1.00)	$ .189	-	-	-	$ .194	-	-	-

[1] Not seasonally adjusted.
[2] Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
[3] This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.
[4] U-population indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
[5] W-population indexes on a December 1994=100 base.
- Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 1A. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

	CPI-U			CPI-W		
	Annual average 2000	Annual average 2001	Percent change from 2000 to 2001	Annual average 2000	Annual average 2001	Percent change from 2000 to 2001
Expenditure category						
All items	172.2	177.1	2.8	168.9	173.5	2.7
All items (1967=100)	516.8	530.4	-	503.1	516.8	-
Food and beverages	169.4	173.6	2.5	167.7	173.0	3.2
Food	167.8	173.1	3.2	167.2	172.5	3.2
Food at home	167.9	173.4	3.3	166.8	172.4	3.4
Cereals and bakery products	188.3	193.8	2.9	188.0	193.6	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	154.5	161.3	4.4	154.1	161.2	4.6
Dairy and related products	160.7	167.1	4.0	160.5	167.1	4.1
Fruits and vegetables	208.6	212.2	1.7	203.4	210.8	3.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	137.8	139.2	1.0	136.9	138.4	1.1
Other food at home	155.6	159.6	2.6	155.1	159.1	2.6
Sugar and sweets	154.0	155.7	1.1	153.9	155.6	1.1
Fats and oils	147.4	155.7	5.6	147.2	155.4	5.6
Other foods	172.3	176.0	2.2	172.3	176.3	2.3
Other miscellaneous foods [1]	187.5	108.9	1.3	107.1	109.1	1.9
Food away from home	169.0	173.9	2.9	169.0	173.8	2.8
Other food away from home [1]	109.3	113.6	4.0	109.2	113.6	4.0
Alcoholic beverages	174.7	179.3	2.6	173.8	178.8	2.9
Housing	169.6	176.4	4.0	165.4	172.1	4.1
Shelter	193.4	200.6	3.7	187.4	194.5	3.8
Rent of primary residence [2]	183.9	192.1	4.5	183.4	191.5	4.4
Lodging away from home [1] [2]	117.5	118.6	.9	117.3	118.4	.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence [2] [3]	196.7	206.3	3.8	180.8	187.6	3.8
Tenants' and household insurance [1]	103.7	106.2	2.4	103.9	106.4	2.4
Fuels and utilities	137.9	150.2	8.9	137.4	149.5	8.8
Fuels	122.7	135.4	10.3	121.8	134.2	10.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	129.7	129.3	-.3	128.8	129.2	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity [1]	158.0	142.4	11.3	127.5	141.5	11.0
Household furnishings and operations	128.2	129.1	.7	125.5	125.8	.2
Apparel	149.6	127.3	-1.8	128.3	126.1	-1.7
Men's and boys' apparel	130.7	125.7	-3.1	129.7	125.8	-3.0
Women's and girls' apparel	121.5	119.3	-1.8	119.3	117.3	-1.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	130.6	129.2	-1.1	132.3	130.9	-1.1
Footwear	121.9	133.0	-.6	124.2	123.1	-.9
Transportation	153.3	154.3	.7	152.8	153.6	.5
Private transportation	149.1	150.0	.6	150.1	150.8	.5
New and used motor vehicles [1]	100.9	101.3	.5	101.4	101.9	.5	
New vehicles	142.8	142.4	-.3	143.9	143.2	.5
Used cars and trucks	156.8	158.2	1.0	159.8	159.8	1.7
Motor fuel	140.3	154.5	10.1	139.5	153.8	10.2
Gasoline (all types)	138.6	154.0	11.1	137.8	154.2	11.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.5	104.9	3.3	100.2	104.0	3.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	177.4	183.5	3.4	177.8	187.4	5.4
Public transportation	200.6	215.6	7.5	203.4	214.9	5.7
Medical care	260.8	272.8	4.6	259.9	271.8	4.6
Medical care commodities	238.1	247.6	4.0	233.6	242.7	3.9
Medical care services	266.0	278.6	4.8	265.9	278.5	4.7
Professional services [2]	237.7	246.5	3.7	239.6	248.7	3.8
Hospital and related services [2]	317.3	338.3	6.6	313.2	333.8	6.6
Recreation [1]	103.3	104.9	1.5	102.4	103.6	1.2
Video and audio [1]	101.0	101.5	.5	100.7	100.9	.2
Education and communication [1]	107.5	108.1	.6	102.7	103.3	.6
Education [1]	112.5	118.5	5.3	112.8	118.7	5.2
Educational books and supplies	279.9	295.9	5.7	283.3	299.9	5.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	324.0	341.1	5.3	316.2	334.7	5.7
Communication [1]	93.6	93.3	-.3	94.6	94.5	-.1
Information and information processing [1]	92.8	92.3	-.5	94.1	93.8	-.3
Telephone services [1]	98.5	99.2	.8	98.7	99.4	.7
Information and information processing other than telephone services [4]	25.0	21.3	-17.8	26.8	22.1	-17.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment [1]	41.1	29.5	-28.2	40.5	29.1	-28.1
Other goods and services	271.1	282.6	4.2	276.5	289.5	4.7
Tobacco and smoking products	398.9	428.9	7.5	398.9	428.1	7.5
Personal care	167.1	174.2	4.2	167.5	172.9	3.2
Personal care products	149.1	150.1	.9	150.1	150.9	.5
Personal care services	178.1	187.1	5.1	178.7	187.8	5.1
Miscellaneous personal services	411.7	431.2	4.7	391.4	412.8	5.5
Commodity and service group						
Commodities	149.4	150.7	1.0	149.8	151.4	1.1
Food and beverages	169.4	173.6	2.5	167.7	173.0	3.2
Commodities less food and beverages	137.7	137.2	-.4	139.0	138.7	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	147.4	147.1	-.2	149.1	149.0	-.1
Apparel	149.6	127.3	-1.8	128.3	126.1	-1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	162.6	162.4	-.1	165.3	166.3	.6
Durables	125.4	124.6	-.6	125.8	125.3	-.4
Services	191.3	203.6	6.4	191.6	199.6	4.2
Rent of shelter [3]	191.1	208.9	3.8	180.5	187.3	3.8
Transportation services	196.1	201.9	3.0	192.9	199.1	3.2
Other services	229.9	234.0	1.8	225.9	233.7	3.5
Special indexes						
All items less food	173.8	177.8	2.3	169.1	173.6	2.7
All items less shelter	165.7	169.7	2.4	163.8	167.6	2.3
All items less medical care	167.3	171.9	2.7	164.7	169.1	2.7
Commodities less food	137.7	138.3	.4	140.4	140.2	-.1
Nondurables less food	149.1	149.1	.0	150.7	150.9	.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	162.9	164.1	.7	165.5	166.7	.7
Nondurables	158.2	160.6	1.5	158.9	161.4	1.6
Services less rent of shelter [3]	201.9	212.3	5.2	200.1	206.5	4.7
Services less medical care services	188.9	196.6	4.1	185.4	193.1	4.2
Energy	134.6	139.3	3.5	134.8	138.7	3.1
All items less energy	178.6	183.5	2.7	175.1	179.8	2.7
All items less food and energy	181.3	186.1	2.6	177.4	181.7	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	144.9	145.3	.3	145.4	146.1	.5
Energy commodities	129.5	125.2	-3.3	129.7	125.6	-3.1
Services less energy services	202.1	209.6	3.7	198.7	206.0	3.7
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=$1.00)	$ .581	$ .565	-	$ .592	$ .576	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=$1.00)	$ .194	$ .189	-	$ .199	$ .193	-

[1] Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
[2] This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1997.
[3] U-population indexes on a December 1982=100 base; W-population indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
[4] Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
- Data not available.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

All items

Area	CPI-U Indexes			Percent change to Dec. 2001 from-	CPI-W Indexes			Percent change to Dec. 2001 from-
	Oct. 2001	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2000	Oct. 2001	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2000
U.S. city average	177.7	177.4	176.7	1.6	174.0	173.7	172.9	1.3
Region and area size[1]								
Northeast urban	185.0	185.0	184.2	1.6	181.8	181.9	181.0	1.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	186.3	186.1	185.4	1.7	182.0	181.9	181.1	1.6
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	110.6	110.9	110.3	1.4	110.2	110.5	109.9	1.3
Midwest urban	172.6	172.5	171.9	1.0	168.4	168.2	167.6	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	174.5	174.2	173.8	1.3	169.4	169.1	168.7	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	110.0	110.0	109.6	.8	109.7	109.8	109.2	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	166.9	166.3	165.5	.4	164.9	164.1	163.3	-.1
South urban	171.7	171.0	170.3	1.1	169.8	169.0	168.1	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	173.1	172.2	171.7	2.0	170.7	169.6	169.0	1.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	109.7	109.4	108.9	.7	109.4	109.0	108.5	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	169.9	168.9	167.6	.3	170.8	169.9	168.3	-.1
West urban	182.5	182.3	181.6	2.5	177.8	177.6	176.9	2.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	184.6	184.3	183.5	2.5	178.0	177.7	176.9	2.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	112.1	111.9	111.6	2.5	111.8	111.8	111.2	2.3
Size classes								
A [3]	182.0	181.8	181.1	1.9	180.3	180.6	179.4	1.7
B/C [2]	110.3	110.0	109.7	1.1	110.0	109.9	109.3	.8
D	171.5	170.8	169.9	.8	170.4	169.7	168.5	.4
Selected local areas[4]								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	178.1	177.6	177.0	1.2	171.9	171.2	171.7	.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	182.4	178.1	177.2	2.1	171.0	170.7	169.7	1.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	187.8	187.8	187.3	1.7	183.3	183.3	182.8	1.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	-	192.7	-	-	-	191.9	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	-	172.3	-	-	-	164.0	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-	171.5	-	-	-	171.1	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV [5]	-	110.9	-	-	-	110.7	-	-
Atlanta, GA	176.7	-	174.8	1.7	174.1	-	172.0	1.4
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	174.8	-	173.5	1.0	169.1	-	167.9	1.0
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	159.4	-	157.1	.6	157.8	-	155.2	.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	174.2	-	173.1	2.1	171.7	-	170.5	2.0
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	182.9	-	179.9	1.4	182.3	-	179.2	1.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	191.7	-	190.6	3.5	187.5	-	186.5	3.5
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	187.9	-	186.1	2.5	183.1	-	181.1	2.3

[1] Regions defined as the four Census regions.
[2] Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
[3] Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
[4] In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semi-annually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.
[5] Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.
- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)-Analysis

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U, which was unchanged in November, declined 0.2 percent in December. The energy index declined sharply for the third consecutive month, down 3.2 percent in December. The index for petroleum-based energy declined 6.1 percent, and the index for energy services fell 0.8 percent. The food index declined 0.1 percent in December, the same as in November. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent, following an increase of 0.4 percent in November. Downturns in the indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for recreation, coupled with smaller increases in the indexes for medical care and for new vehicles, accounted for the deceleration in December.

NEXT CPI RELEASE: JANUARY DATA ON FEBRUARY 20, 2002 8:30AM (EST); TRY OUR CPI QUICKLINE: 202-691-6994

Recalculated Seasonally Adjusted Indexes to be Available on February 15, 2002

Each year with the release of the January CPI, seasonal adjustment factors are recalculated to reflect price movements from the just-completed calendar year. This routine annual recalculation may result in revisions to seasonally adjusted indexes for the previous 5 years. BLS will make available recalculated seasonally adjusted indexes, as well as recalculated seasonal adjustment factors, for the period January 1997 through December 2001, on Friday, February 15, 2002. This date is two working days before the scheduled release of the January 2000 CPI on Wednesday, February 20, 2002. The revised indexes and seasonal factors will be available on the internet. The address is http://www.bls.gov/cpi. Look under Tables Created by BLS and select Revised Seasonally Adjusted Data, 2001.

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BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. Two CPIs are published: 1) The CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), which covers about 87 percent of the total population, and 2) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical care, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in 87 locations are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. *Indexes for different months are usually compared in relative terms. Thus, an index of 133.5 is 1.063 times higher than an index of 125.6 (133.5/125.6=1.063); in other words, prices increased 6.3 percent.* The CPI is used as an indicator of inflation, a deflator of other economic series, and an escalator for income payments. *More detail.* This news release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor provides summary data from the Consumer Price Index. The full release is available electronically on the Internet at **http://www.bls.gov/cpihome.htm** at release time. If you have any questions about the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615 PSB, Washington, DC 20212, or call (202) 691-7000. Full detail is available in the monthly periodical ***CPI Detailed Report*** for $45 per year from New Orders, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service, 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

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